

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2 - HB 1560**

March 14, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Enacts the *Fair Elections Act* by making various changes to policies regarding the State Election Commission, county election commissions, and the Coordinator of Elections.

Increases, from seven to nine members, the total members of the State Election Commission.

Transfers the duty of appointing the Coordinator of Elections and approval of the Coordinator's rules and regulation to carry out election code from the Secretary of State to the State Election Commission.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$30,700/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years  
/Division of Elections**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-11-107 and 108, members of the State Election Commission are required to receive compensation and reimbursement for travel expenses.
- According to the Secretary of State Division of Elections, the annual salary for a member of the state election commission is \$7,000.
- A recurring increase in state expenditures to the Division of Elections, beginning in FY21-22 and subsequent years, of \$29,818 [(\$7,000 salary + \$7,909 benefits) x 2 positions].
- The State Election Commission meets quarterly.
- Members will receive \$0.47 per mile roundtrip; the average miles travelled per member is estimated to be 234 miles roundtrip. The average mileage reimbursement for each meeting is estimated to be \$110 (\$0.47 per mile x 234 miles).
- A recurring increase in state expenditures, beginning in FY21-22, of \$880 (\$110 x 4 meetings x 2 members).
- A total recurring increase in state expenditures to the Division of Elections, beginning in FY21-22 and subsequent years, of \$30,698 (\$29,818 + \$880).
- The State Election Commission can appoint the Coordinator of Elections and approve any rules to carry out election code within existing resources; the Secretary of State will not experience a significant decrease in workload or expenditures from the transfer of duties.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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